Standardisation of salaries in the Education Department.

*20 **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of graduate teachers who had a continuous acting service for more than 5 years on a salary of Rs. 50 per mensem when the standardisation order was passed;

(*b*) whether any person with shorter service was confirmed when the persons referred to in part (*a*) were acting; and

(*c*) whether as a result of the Standardisation G. O. the pay of the persons referred to in part (*a*) has been reduced to Rs. 40 per mensem?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 4.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The salary of the teachers referred to in part (*a*) has not yet been definitely fixed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In answer to part (*c*), may I know what is the salary now drawn by these teachers?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Rs. 40 per mensem.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why the salary is unsettled? May I know why it was reduced from Rs. 50 to Rs. 40 after the standardisation?

MR. C. V. CANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The present salary is provisional. The Account Office is paying the minimum in each case, until the whole question is definitely settled.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there are other cases as well where the salary is still unsettled and at the same time it is allowed to be drawn?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how long this question of settling the salaries of teachers has been under the consideration of Government?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Ever since standardisation we have been dealing with each class of cases as it comes up, both in the English School and Vernacular School.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there is any particular reason for this undue delay in settling this simple matter?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): All matters regarding standardisation are treated as urgent, but delays are inevitable.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the standardisation scheme has acted adversely so far as the interests of the teachers are concerned?

MR. C. V. CHAHDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) It is a matter of opinion.

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